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For:   DISPLAY TEXT MODIFICATION FOR LINK DATA ITEMS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said further text replaces said initial display text to form said modified display text.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

    (i)    applying said one or more predetermined rules to said modified display text to detect one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user; and

(ii) upon detection of said one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user, then reverting to said initial display text.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said one or more predetermined rules include one or more of:

(i) the number of underscore characters within said initial display text is greater than the number of space characters within said initial display text;

(ii) the initial display text is less than a minimum threshold number of characters in length;

(iii) the initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold number of characters in length;

(iv) the average number of characters per word in said initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold average word length;

(v) the initial display text contains words that include capital letters after lower case letters; and

(vi) the initial display text contains words not found in an associated dictionary of words.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said data file is retrieved from a source computer server via a computer network.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said client computer has a user display with different display capabilities than those of a display for which said document is intended or said document is display independent.

15. (Amended) A computer program storage medium storing a computer program for controlling a data processing apparatus to perform the method as claimed in claim 1.
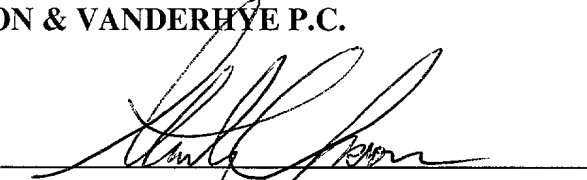
## REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the  claims by the current amendment.  The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**."

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

3. (Amended)  A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 and 2] claim 1, wherein said further text replaces said initial display text to form said modified display text.

4. (Amended)  A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2 and 3] claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

> (iii)     applying said one or more predetermined rules to said modified display text to detect one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user; and

> (iv)     upon detection of said one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user, then reverting to said initial display text.

5. (Amended)  A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said one or more predetermined rules include one or more of:

> (vii)     the number of underscore characters within said initial display text is greater than the number of space characters within said initial display text;

> (viii)     the initial display text is less than a minimum threshold number of characters in length;

> (ix)     the initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold number of characters in length;

> (x)     the average number of characters per word in said initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold average word length;

> (xi)     the initial display text contains words that include capital letters after lower case letters; and

(xii)    the initial display text contains words not found in an associated dictionary of words.

6. (Amended)  A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said data file is retrieved from a source computer server via a computer network.

9. (Amended)  A method as claimed in [any one of claims 7 and 8] claim 7, wherein said client computer has a user display with different display capabilities than those of a display for which said document is intended or said document is display independent.

15. (Amended)  A computer program storage medium storing a computer program for controlling a data processing apparatus to perform the method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1.

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